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DRUG DEMAND

Police say booking consumers of drugs under NDPS Act may help curtail users' demand for banned stuff

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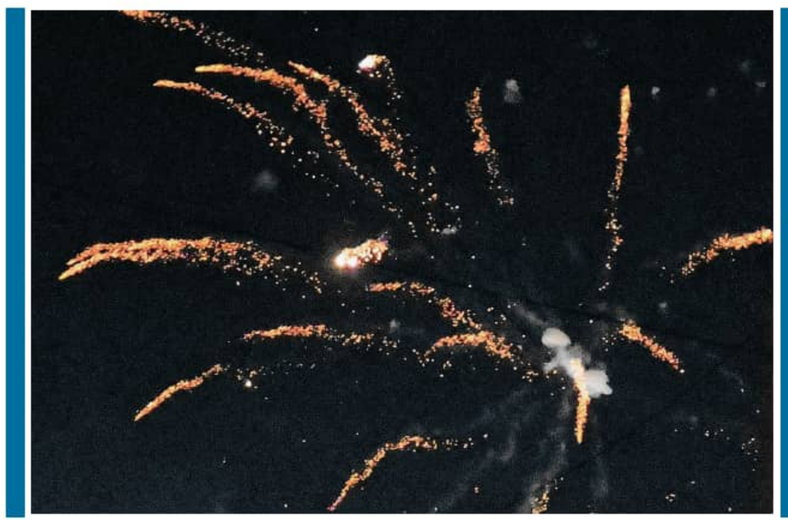

BREATHE EASY

Pollution Board attributes better air quality post Deepavali this year as compared to last year to green crackers, rain, better monitoring

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None of the CCTV cameras installed at summer palace of Tipu Sultan are functional, and vandals are having a field day. All was going undetected, till gangster's name found scribbled on monument's walls

MONUMENTAL LAPSE

Police say cameras get damaged often due to monkey menace in area

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The summer palace of Tipu Sultan at Nandi Hills, a monument of historical and architectural significance, has once again drawn attention for the wrong reasons. Visitors recently found the name of gangster Lawrence Bishnoi scribbled on its walls, highlighting serious lapses in heritage management and security at one of Karnataka's most visited tourist destinations.

Despite being under the supervision of the tourism, horticulture, and district police departments, the incident went unnoticed until a few visitors photographed the defaced wall and alerted the authorities. Sources revealed that although CCTV cameras and security personnel are deployed, none of the cameras are currently functional.

Royal retreat losing its glory

The summer palace was initiated by Hyder Ali and later completed by his son, Tipu Sultan, as a royal retreat. Tipu named it "Tashk-e-Jannat", meaning "the envy of heaven". Constructed primarily of wood, the structure features carved arches, ornate pillars, and intricately painted ceilings that reflect the opulence of Mysuru architecture. Over the years, however, the monument has suffered from neglect. Graffiti and random writings now mark several walls, pointing to a lack of regular maintenance and public awareness about heritage preservation.

"The Archaeological Survey of India and the government must ensure that all architectural marvels are properly protected and preserved, and that those responsible for this desecration are apprehended

— Syed Ubaidur Rahman, Historian

The summer residence, located near Amrita Sarovara at the entrance of Nandi Hills, is a restricted area where public entry is not permitted. Yet, the recent act of vandalism suggests that individuals managed to access the terrace of the two-storey structure undetected. "There are cameras but they are not functional, but it is unclear

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Cane & unable

Activists condemn corporal punishment incidents, want schools to adopt child-friendly teaching methods

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After two shocking incidents of corporal punishment emerged in the state, child rights activists have urged school managements and teachers to ensure implementation of child-friendly teaching methods.

This comes after a principal and a teacher of a private school in Bengaluru were booked for beating a student with PVC pipe and another incident where a Sanskrit school teacher was seen dragging, slapping, and kicking a student in Chitradurga.

The activists demanded that teachers focus on pedagogy and ensure their teaching methods are effective for the benefit of students.

Expressing disappointment over the recent incidents, HC Raghavendra, a former member of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said teachers are not striving hard to improve teaching methods. "Pedagogy is one of the subjects for B.Ed students but unfortunately it is forgotten by the teachers as soon as they get appointed at schools. Punishment is not the only method to impart education to

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THINGS TO DO

01 Get crafty

Rajasthan Grameen Mela organised by artisans from across the country is holding an exhibition-cum-sale featuring a vast range of cotton, silk, handloom, handicraft products and jewellery from all over India. **Where: Sri Hari Kalyana Mandapa, Banashankari; When: Until October 26, 10 am to 9 pm**

02 Bundle of joy

Kukdukoo Children's Festival is bringing a weekend of fun, laughter and magic, packed with spectacular activities for children and parents. **Where: Oakridge International School, Dommasandra; When: November 29 and 30, 10.45 am**

03 Musical evening

Known for his powerful and heartfelt voice, Kailash Kher will be performing live, in a show full of emotion, passion and pure artistry. **Where: Phoenix Marketcity, Whitefield; When: November 1, 7.30 pm**

04 Comic timing

After a massive world tour, Samay Raina is back to his homeground, with a brand new show, ready to take the audience on a laughter-filled journey. **Where: Good Shepherd Auditorium, Shanthala Nagar; When: November 21, 4 pm**

05 Grand market

'Salaam Souk', hosted this year with the theme of 'Habibi, welcome to Dubai', inspired by the glamour, opulence and vibrancy of the Middle East, presents an exclusive shopping experience. **Where: Jayamahal Palace; When: Nov 8, 1 pm**

Collagen, probiotics surge in skincare routines

Skincare duo is gaining popularity for their anti-ageing and skin-brightening benefits, making them go-to choices for healthier, glowing skin, says dermatologist

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A growing number of people between the ages of 20 and 40 are turning to probiotics and collagen to improve their skin health. What started as a nutrition trend has now made its way into skincare routines, with many believing that beauty begins from within.

According to Dr Safia Tanyeem, Dermatologist & Cosmetologist, Apollo Medical Centre, Koramangala, collagen is a natural protein that keeps the skin firm, supple, and youthful, but its levels decrease with age, leading to wrinkles and sagging. "Taking collagen supplements can improve skin hydration and elasticity, reducing signs of ageing. Probiotics, on the other hand, help by reducing inflammation, strengthening the skin's barrier against pollution and UV rays, preventing dryness, and aiding in wound healing," said Dr Tanyeem. She said that they also offer anti-ageing and skin-brightening benefits, making both collagen and probiotics popular choices for healthier, glowing skin.

Dermatologists note that innovations in probiotic-based wellness and skincare have gained strong popularity among young adults aged 20 to 40. This age group is known to be highly trend-aware and open to holistic approaches like the gut-skin connection, focusing on maintaining long-term skin health rather than seeking quick cosmetic fixes.

Dr Priyanka Kuri, Consultant – Dermatology, Aster Whitefield Hospital, said that probiotics have been considered very helpful for inflammatory skin conditions and also due to their skin barrier repairing properties. She said that the types of actions of probiotics in acne involve balancing the skin microbiome and reducing the inflammatory process, while for rosacea, the main action is reducing the sensitivity and redness of the skin. She noted that in atopic dermatitis, probiotics not only assist the skin barrier but also alleviate the skin's sensitivity by modulating the immune response, thereby reducing the frequency of dermatitis. "Additionally, probiotics can help prevent recurrence. For example, when probiotics are administered consistently for around six months in individuals with recurrent eczema, the flare-ups that previously occurred every month may reduce to once every four to six months," said Dr Kuri.

Probiotics are said to be used in both oral and topical forms. However, studies show that oral formulations tend to produce more statistically significant results compared to creams. "Topical probiotic products still require further research, and as of now, there are no FDA-approved topical formulations available," said Dr Tanyeem.

Speaking of the time frame to see results using probiotics, Dr Kuri said that one or two weeks may show very early signs of better moisturisation and reduced sensitivity of the skin if topical probiotics are used. "However, it takes six to twelve weeks for the microbiome to be restored gradually so that acne, rosacea symptoms, or inflammation-related pigmentation can be really reduced," said Dr Kuri, adding that if probiotics are consumed through food or supplements, the body has to go through an internal adjustment, so the results may be visible only after 8-12 weeks. "To be sure, probiotics are not a quick-fix but a long-term treatment of the internal and external aspects of the skin," she said.

Dermatologists observe rising trend among those aged 20 to 40 embracing probiotic-based wellness and skincare, showcasing priority to lasting skin health over quick cosmetic fixes

Kadlekai Parishe extended to five days for the first time

The annual Kadlekai Parishe will be held over five days this year instead of two, beginning on November 17, 2025. The decision was made at a preparatory meeting held on Thursday.

Last year's Parishe drew around five lakh visitors and was conducted as a plastic-free event. For 2025, the festival, held at Sri Basavanna Temple in Basavanagudi during the last Karthika month, will continue the tradition with an extended schedule. The inauguration will take place on Monday, November 17, 2025, at 10 am, in the presence of the Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister, who will be invited to attend.

The ceremony will begin with a special pooja involving 21 Basavannas (bulls) invited to the temple. Lighting arrangements will cover Bull Temple Road, Gandhi Bazaar, and NR Road throughout the five days. The event will maintain its plastic-free initiative in association with NGOs. Awareness drives will be conducted to encourage visitors and shopkeepers to use cloth bags under the slogan 'Come to the Parishe, Bring Your Own Bag'. Plastic materials will remain banned during the festival.

As in previous years, roadside vendors on Bull Temple Road will be exempt from tax collection. The tax collection tender has been withdrawn following complaints of excess charges by contractors in earlier editions.

— BMB

Despite criticism, city to get 500 km of white-topped roads

Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar announced that a Detailed Project Report (DPR) is being prepared for the white-topping of 500 km of city roads at an estimated cost of Rs 4,000 crore. Speaking after launching white-topping and road development works in the Gandhinagar Assembly constituency, he said that the initiative aims to provide long-lasting roads with a lifespan of 25–30 years. "We have already taken up 148 km of white-topped roads, spending Rs 1,800 crore on 83 roads," he said. He noted that additionally, blacktopping work is underway on 350 km of roads costing Rs 695 crore. "The Chief Minister has also sanctioned Rs 1,100 crore for asphalting 550 km of roads," he said, reaffirming that the government remains committed to strengthening Bengaluru's road infrastructure despite criticism. — BMB

X: Some curbs on takedown orders

The government has reduced the number of officials who can order content to be taken down from the internet, a move that follows a bitter legal battle with Elon Musk's X that centered around a contentious policy.

X had been in opposition to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 2023 decision to police the internet by allowing thousands of officials to file takedown orders.

X lost the lawsuit in Karnataka High Court in September, with a judge ruling that its challenge was without merit and X had to abide by local laws. But late on Wednesday, India's IT ministry changed its policy by limiting the number of people who can issue such orders to top bureaucrats and police officials. Now only bureaucrats with the rank of joint secretary or higher and police officials who are serving as deputy inspector general or above can issue takedown orders, the government said in its modification to the rules.

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Water from Karnataka's major rivers found unfit for direct drinking

Bengaluru, which relies heavily on the Cauvery and its tributaries — including the Shimsha and Arkavathi — for its drinking water supply, faces alarming news. A recent report by the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has revealed that none of the state's 12 major rivers meet 'Class A' standards, meaning not a single river in Karnataka provides water fit for direct consumption.

Water samples collected from 32 locations across the 12 rivers were tested throughout September, and the findings point to high levels of pollution. The report indicates low dissolved oxygen, high biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), and alarming concentrations of coliform and fecal coliform bacteria — clear signs of contamination from untreated sewage and industrial effluents.

The Cauvery, Bengaluru's primary water source, along with the Shimsha and Arkavathi, has been classified under 'Class C' and 'Class D' water quality categories. This means the water can be used only after extensive treatment, or in the worst cases, is fit merely for activities like fishing or irrigation. Among all the tested rivers, only the Netravathi managed a slightly better 'Class B' rating, meaning it is suitable for bathing and domestic use but still unsafe for drinking.

Experts warn that this is a wake-up call for Bengaluru, where rapid urbanisation, inadequate sewage treatment, and industrial discharge are putting unprecedented pressure on its water sources. With the Arkavathi River — once a crucial feeder to the city's reservoirs — now among the most polluted, the capital's long-term water security is under threat. — BMB

How to tackle the drug menace

Police think of booking consumers of contraband under NDPS Act to stem demand

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With the city recording the highest number of cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act in the state, police are intensifying a crackdown on the narcotics network operating in and around the city. Till October 8, nearly 711 cases have been registered in Bengaluru. The City Police Commissioner said that they may be looking at booking consumers of drugs under the NDPS Act too as that would cut down on the demand aspect.

According to data from the police, as of September 30, the state recorded over 4,700 NDPS cases. In the first half of this year alone, nearly 3,530 cases were registered across 31 districts in Karnataka, with Bengaluru City, Bengaluru District, and Bengaluru South together accounting for 568 cases, the highest in the state.

Police Commissioner Seemanth Kumar Singh said, "Drugs come to Bengaluru through many channels for distribution, and it's hard to track the people behind it because there are multiple layers. They don't keep any sort of records, keep changing their numbers and mobile numbers are not linked to anything. Sometimes they give vague information because of which we even end up conducting raids in other cities, but we catch them here in Bengaluru."

"We are focusing on drug peddlers — many are foreign nationals, college dropouts, or people without a source of income

A senior police officer explained that the drug network works on secrecy and multi-level distribution. These syndicates heavily depend on encrypted messaging platforms such as Telegram, where buyers are guided to designated drop points to exchange cash and narcotics without any physical contact. Transactions are carried out via UPI or digital wallets; however, even when traced, investigators often find the accounts linked to uninvolved third parties, making it challenging to identify the actual perpetrators.

"We are focusing on drug peddlers — many are foreign nationals, college dropouts, or people without a source of income. Now we are identifying those without income but legally allowed to stay here, and going after them, which is why we are able to crack so many cases," Singh added.

He said that they are also booking cases against consumers, which helps them reach the peddlers. "There was a drop in cases earlier because consumers weren't being booked, but our main aim is to target consumers too and cut the demand. If we only go after peddlers, consumers will just find another source. We also need to gather technical information on who contacts them and their acquaintances."

According to police officials, nearly 711 cases have been registered, with 1,486.55 kg of drugs worth ₹81.21 crore seized, leading to the arrest of 1,013 Indians and 35 foreign nationals.

"A network of randomly placed nakabandi check points and area domination exercises have yielded valuable inputs for action against drug peddlers. Through this we are getting many cases. We are also raiding houses based on suspicious activities," Singh said.

New police cap distribution ceremony on Oct 28

The Karnataka State Police Department is set to receive new P-caps in a distribution ceremony scheduled for October 28, at the Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha. The event will be attended by the Chief Minister and the Home Minister.

The P-cap, a thin, elastic-style cap similar to the Telangana Police model, has been introduced as an alternative to the traditional 'Gloch hat' worn by constables and head constables. The move comes after health concerns raised by the Union Health Department about potential adverse effects of flare hats, and complaints from police personnel about discomfort during rallies, protests, and field operations.

There were complaints of discomfort during use of flare hats

P-cap measurements of the designated personnel were to be submitted to the IGP, Central, Police Headquarters, by 4 pm on Thursday. **BMB**

Lawyer found dead near railway tracks

A 32-year-old lawyer was found dead near the Jnanabharathi railway track on Thursday morning, three days after he went missing.

According to police officials, Hemant Kumar was hit by the Hampi Express train, traveling from Bengaluru to Mysuru, around 6.30 am. A resident of Sixth Stage, JP Nagar, Hemant had previously worked as a lecturer at a Jain college before resigning to pursue a career in law.

Hemant's wife, Neha, had filed a missing person complaint at Puttenahalli police station on October 21 after he failed to return home. Police are investigating the circumstances leading to his death, but the exact motive remains unclear.

Officials explained, "No death note was found, hence it's difficult to say whether this is sucide case or accidental death." The case has been formally registered, and further inquiries are underway. Police officials are also examining CCTV footage to reconstruct Hemant's last movements. However initial reports suggest the incident may have been self-inflicted. **BMB**

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Peripheral Ring Road gets major makeover

BDA redesigns Peripheral Ring Road, cutting width, introducing future metro corridors, cloverleaf junctions, pedestrian pathways, and commercial development along key stretches

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In a major revamp of the state's ambitious Peripheral Ring Road (PRR-1) project around Bengaluru, the Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) has modified the earlier 100-metre-wide road plan to 65 metres, making way for metro or elevated rail corridors and service roads on either side. The PRR-1, spanning 73 kilometres, is estimated to cost ₹22,600 crore. Of this, ₹15,600 crore will go toward land acquisition and ₹7,000 crore toward construction, with funding sourced from HUDCO.

Under the revised design, a 6-lane carriageway will be built within 28 metres, with 4-metre-wide shoulders on either side. A 3-metre pedestrian pathway and service roads will be developed to ensure easy connectivity for villages affected by land acquisition. Additionally, 5 metres along the road margins will be reserved for a future metro or elevated rail system. The remaining 35 metres in the original 100-metre corridor will be used for commercial development, including plots for business and mixed-use zones. Key junctions such as Madanayakanahalli, Hesaraghatta road, Doddaballapur road, Hennur, and Channasandra will feature cloverleaf interchanges, while a flyover-cloverleaf combination is planned at Chokkanahalli.

The BDA plans to mortgage the acquired land to financial institutions as security for the project loan, with the state government providing a guarantee and sharing the interest burden. The cabinet has also approved a 50% waiver on stamp duty for the mortgage process.

6-lane carriageway with pedestrian pathways and service roads planned for PRR-1

Development fee and cess

To offset costs, the BDA will impose an improvement fee on properties within 1 km of the PRR alignment, declaring a 1,000-metre impact zone on either side. Additionally, a 1% cess will be levied on stamp duty and registration for all real estate transactions within this zone. The collected revenue will go to the state's consolidated fund and then be transferred to the BDA.

Compensation options for farmers

Farmers losing land will be offered four compensation options — cash payment, Transferable Development Rights (TDR), Floor Area Ratio (FAR) benefits, or developed residential/commercial sites. Those losing up to 20 guntas will receive cash compensation, while larger landowners can choose from other options. For each acre acquired, farmers will receive 9,583 sq ft of developed residential plots in a 60:40 ratio, while those opting for commercial property will receive 8,385 sq ft. This flexible model aims to reduce overall construction costs.

Commercial and civic development

The PRR corridor will feature commercial complexes, malls, hotels, fuel stations, IT parks, and restaurants near major junctions, with 50–100 acres earmarked for such development. BDA also plans to auction remaining land after allocating developed plots to farmers, using the proceeds for loan repayment and toll management. A BDA official said, "With the revised design, the PRR-1 project promises to be more integrated, transit-oriented, and commercially viable, enhancing connectivity while reducing the financial burden on the state." However, farmers losing land have said that they are not ready to part with land unless they get fair compensation.

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Hosur Metro hopes fade amid technical hurdles

BMRCL confirms technical challenges make Bengaluru–Hosur metro link unfeasible under current infrastructure setup

The plan to extend Bengaluru's Namma Metro line to Hosur in Tamil Nadu has been deemed technically infeasible. The Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has submitted a detailed report to the Karnataka government, stating that the two metro systems — Bengaluru's Namma Metro and Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) — operate on different power systems, making integration impossible.

According to official sources, BMRCL clarified that Namma Metro functions on a 750 V DC third-rail power system, while Chennai Metro operates using a 25 kV AC overhead power supply. Due to this fundamental technical difference, linking the two metro networks would not be feasible under the current infrastructure setup.

Feasibility study and background

The idea of extending the Yellow Line — connecting RV Road to Bommasandra — by another 23 kilometres up to Hosur had been proposed earlier. Tamil Nadu MP A Chellakumar, representing the Krishnagiri constituency, had submitted a request to the Union Government to conduct a feasibility study for the Hosur metro link. Following this, both metro corporations — BMRCL and CMRL — carried out independent technical studies.

However, BMRCL's findings indicate that beyond the power system mismatch, logistical and design challenges make the project impractical. As per the proposal, two metro stations were to be built 300 metres apart on either side of the Karnataka–Tamil Nadu border, connected by a pedestrian overbridge. Officials have stated that such an arrangement is not operationally viable. "We have shared our findings with the state government. The final decision will rest with the government," a senior BMRCL official said.

Local opposition to Hosur link

The proposal to extend the metro beyond Bommasandra into Hosur had faced widespread opposition from several Kannada groups and local residents. Critics argued that the project would bring no direct benefit to Karnataka's commuters or industries. Instead, they feared it might divert industrial growth and investment from Bengaluru to Hosur, benefiting Tamil Nadu more than Karnataka. "Extending the metro to Hosur would mainly help workers and industries in Tamil Nadu. Karnataka stands to lose industrial competitiveness," local activists said during their protests.

Focus on Attibele Connection

In light of the technical and regional concerns, BMRCL has instead conducted its own feasibility study to extend the metro line up to Attibele, a suburban area within Karnataka's border. Officials believe this route would cater to commuters in South Bengaluru and improve last-mile connectivity without crossing state boundaries. With both technical incompatibility and political sensitivities in play, the proposed Hosur Metro extension appears to have reached a dead end — at least for now. **— BMB**

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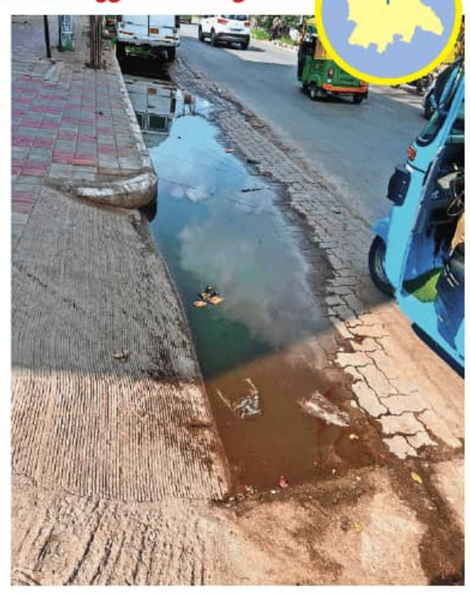
Heavy waterlogging outside a showroom on 280 Intermediate Ring Road, Amarjyothi Layout, creating potential mosquito-breeding conditions.

Pothole danger

HRBR Layout

Damaged road near a showroom and hotel in HRBR Layout urgently needs repair.

Overbridge sinking

Malleswaram

Portion of Malleswaram overbridge towards Srirampuram/Rajajinagar sinking near pedestrian steps, posing safety risk.

Swift action by police draws public applause

Residents laud Ashok Nagar police officials for their immediate response to complaint over tree posing danger to pedestrians and vehicles

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While police may often be seen as unapproachable or indifferent, some Ashok Nagar residents offer a different view—praising local officers for their prompt response and helpfulness. The residents, including two activists, have appreciated Ashok Nagar police for their proactive attitude in clearing a tree branch hanging precariously on Primrose Road, next to St Joseph Institute of Management, on Wednesday.

Vinod Jacob, civic activist and environmentalist, said he was shocked to see the tree branch hanging dangerously. "When a dangerously dangling tree branch on Primrose Road posed a threat to pedestrians and motorists, the Station SI immediately deputed two constables to help bring it down safely even on a holiday,"

Police officials' timely response and citizen-first approach truly reflect spirit of public service & community partnership, says civic activist

Police officials cleared tree branch at risk of falling in Ashok Nagar

he said. He opined that their timely response and citizen-first approach truly reflect the spirit of public service and community partnership. "Kudos to the Ashok Nagar police for setting an inspiring example of civic responsibility in action," he said.

Environmental activist Alexander James said he and Jacob came across the tree branch dangling from a wire while walking along Primrose Road. "Immediately Vinod and myself went to the Ashok Nagar police station and informed them, they responded immediately and the Police Sub-Inspector sent two police constables who removed the huge dry branch about to fall, which would have caused a casualty if it was unattended either to human as well as vehicles and also averted a road block," he said.

Divorce not granted: 'He wanted maid, not wife'

HC rejects man seeking divorce from wife, says marriage requires adjustment and compromise, not domination

In a strong rebuke to a husband seeking divorce, the Karnataka High Court has dismissed his appeal and observed that he appeared to be looking for "an obedient and sincere maid rather than a wife." The court held that the reasons cited for ending the marriage were trivial and reflected an expectation of subservience rather than partnership.

The case involved a couple married in 2015, soon after which the husband moved to the United States for work, while the wife took up employment in Singapore. The two reportedly lived together for less than two weeks before parting ways. Claiming cruelty and desertion, the husband filed for divorce in 2016, alleging that his wife had refused to join him abroad and had neglected her marital duties.

A family court in Bengaluru had earlier rejected his petition, finding that he had failed to prove cruelty and had not made genuine efforts to enable his wife's relocation to the US. The court also accepted the wife's claim that she faced pressure from her husband and his mother regarding dowry and property. Dissatisfied with this verdict, the husband approached the High Court in appeal.

A division bench comprising Justice Jayant Banerji and Justice Umesh Adiga upheld the lower court's decision, observing that the husband's grievances were too minor to justify a divorce. The judges noted that the petitioner's conduct suggested he wanted complete control over his wife's actions and decisions, rather than a relationship based on mutual respect and understanding.

"It is evident that the petitioner was in need of an obedient and sincere maid rather than a wife. He seems to have expected her to act entirely according to his whims and fancies," the bench remarked in its order. The court added that marriage is a bond that requires adjustment and compromise from both partners, not domination by one.

During proceedings, the husband admitted that he had made no attempt to obtain a visa for his wife to join him in the United States. The bench considered this significant, noting that his claim of 'abandonment' could not stand when he had taken no steps to facilitate her relocation. The wife, for her part, said she was willing to live with him but faced interference from his family, which the court found credible.

The judges concluded that the husband had failed to prove any act of cruelty under the Hindu Marriage Act and that the disputes were ordinary differences which could have been resolved through communication. They emphasised that every disagreement between spouses does not amount to cruelty or justify the dissolution of marriage.

A legal expert said that the ruling reinforces the principle that divorce cannot be granted on flimsy or ego-driven grounds. The judgment also highlights that marriage involves emotional equality and cooperation, and expecting one partner to conform to outdated notions of obedience is incompatible with modern marital values, he said.

The High Court's decision serves as a reminder that matrimonial relationships are built on respect. —BMB

Two drug peddling rackets busted, drugs worth ₹5.5 crore seized

Officials from the Narcotics Wing of the Central Crime Branch (CCB) on Wednesday busted two major drug peddling rackets in separate operations, arresting two foreign nationals and recovering narcotic substances valued at Rs 5.5 crore.

Acting on a tip-off, a CCB team raided a location in Hebbagodi and caught two foreign nationals red-handed while they were peddling drugs. During interrogation, the duo reportedly confessed that they had come to Bengaluru on business visas with the intention of selling narcotics. Police seized 1.4 kilograms of MDMA crystals and Rs 42,800 in cash from their possession.

The accused have been booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, and further investigations are underway to identify their suppliers and the wider network involved.

In a separate case, CCB officials, acting on information provided by the Customs Department, conducted checks at the Foreign Post Office in Chamarajpet. The team recovered three kilograms of hydro ganja, valued at approximately Rs 3 crore, concealed inside biscuit and chocolate packets sourced from Thailand.

Officials said both cases indicate an emerging pattern of foreign nationals exploiting trade and courier routes to smuggle narcotics into the city. —BMB

Dispute over money turns fatal

The Konanakunte police have tracked down and arrested a 22-year-old mechanic for allegedly killing a 40-year-old rag picker in Yelachenahalli on Wednesday.

According to police, the accused, identified as Sahil Pasha from Ilyas Nagar, bludgeoned the victim to death with a stone following a heated argument. Acting on information, police rushed to the spot and found the rag picker lying dead outside a closed shop, his head crushed with a stone.

A case of murder was registered, and the body was shifted for post-mortem examination. The police collected CCTV footage from nearby areas and, based on technical evidence, arrested Sahil within four hours of the crime.

Preliminary investigation revealed that on Wednesday, Sahil allegedly confronted the victim, demanding money. When the rag picker refused, an argument broke out. The victim reportedly told him he had no money and questioned why he should pay.

In anger, Sahil left the spot but returned later to find the victim asleep. In a fit of rage, he picked up a stone and smashed the victim's head, killing him instantly.

Police said Sahil confessed to the crime and claimed he regretted his actions. —BMB

Man held for cheating woman under false promise of marriage

The Amruthahalli Police have arrested a 32-year-old man for allegedly cheating a woman under the pretext of marriage and threatening her when confronted.

According to the complaint, the victim, a 30-year-old sales executive, met the accused, Mohammed Isaq, through social media in October last year. After they exchanged numbers and chatted online, the two met near a mall in Thanisandra on October 30.

Promising marriage, Isaq allegedly engaged in a physical relationship with the complainant, seeking time to convince his family.

When confronted later, Isaq allegedly verbally abused her and issued threats, warning her to stay away.

Investigators have since arrested Isaq and are conducting further inquiries. —BMB

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		UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
DC-01	Oil Technology	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-02	Electronics Engineering	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-04	MCA	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-06	Chemical Engineering	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1*	-	1	-	-
DC-07	Chemistry	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-09	Paint Technology	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-10	Plastic Technology	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1**+ 1***	-	-	-	-
DC-12	Food Technology	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-14	Mechanical Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1**	-	-	1	-
DC-15	Mathematics	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-16	Leather Technology	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-17	Civil Engineering	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
DC-18	Humanities (Economics)	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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City breathes easier than last year, this Deepavali

KSPCB reports 44% drop in pollution levels as compared to 2024, crediting green crackers, strict monitoring across 11 stations and rain

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All stations recorded improved three-day average air quality index levels except Saneguruvanahalli; overall, city recorded cleaner air with AQI down from 120 to 83

Bengaluru's report card on air pollution after Deepavali has improved remarkably this year, the Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) has stated. Air pollution levels during the three days of the festival (October 20–22) were 44% lower compared to Deepavali 2024. Last year, the average Air Quality Index (AQI) across the 11 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations (CAAQMS) stood at 120, while this year it dropped to 83, indicating significantly cleaner air.

According to KSPCB, all stations recorded improved three-day average AQI levels except Saneguruvanahalli, where air quality deteriorated marginally by 2%. Hebbal showed the highest improvement, with its AQI falling from 185 last year to 66 this year—nearly three times better. Similarly, air quality around NIMHANS improved dramatically. On October 20, the first day of the festival, the average AQI saw a 98% improvement—from 153 last year to 77 this year.

On the second day of Deepavali 2025, the average AQI across all 11 stations was 94, compared with 128 last year—a 36% drop. On the third day, the AQI slightly decreased from 78 in 2024 to 72 this year. Officials said this year's improvement was largely due to strict enforcement of the ban on conventional firecrackers, combined with favourable weather conditions.

"Bengaluru experienced rainfall in the days leading up to Deepavali and even during the three festival days. This not only discouraged people from bursting crackers but also helped wash away pollutants," said a senior KSPCB official. The board had imposed a statewide ban on non-green crackers and allowed the use of only green crackers between 8 pm and 10 pm on October 21 and 22.

KSPCB attributed the overall improvement to consistent enforcement efforts. "We ensured district administrations across the state cracked down on illegal storage and sale of banned crackers," the official added. The directive required local authorities to collect district-wise reports on all licensed firecracker sellers and submit them to the central office. Regional offices were also instructed to conduct awareness campaigns to educate the public about using green crackers and reducing environmental pollution.

The directive, issued ahead of Deepavali, was based on the Supreme Court's 2005 order regulating the use of firecrackers, followed by several subsequent rulings. The apex court had allowed firecracker use only between 8 pm and 10 pm and prohibited the sale and use of any firecrackers other than certified green variants.

The KSPCB data also indicated that Karnataka's overall air quality improved during the festival. The state's three-day average AQI during Deepavali 2024 was 73, while this year it dropped to 56. The board said this reflects growing awareness and compliance among citizens, as well as effective enforcement by district authorities.

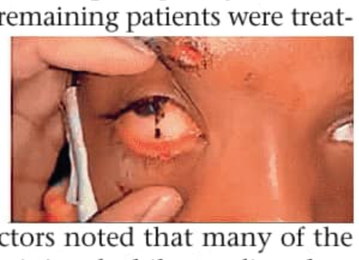
Environmental experts say Bengaluru's improved post-festival air quality could serve as a model for other metros, showing that strict regulation, weather support, and citizen cooperation can collectively bring visible improvements in urban air quality.

...But with 150 cases, no respite from eye injuries

With the Diwali festival of lights, many indulge in bursting crackers, and every year the number of firecracker-related injury cases continues to rise. This year, there has been no respite, with over 150 eye injury cases reported during the Diwali period — the highest so far. Among those injured, children formed the majority, highlighting the urgent need for stronger safety awareness and supervision. Between October 19 and 23, Narayana Nethralaya alone reported 93 patients with firecracker-related eye injuries — 37 adults and 56 children. The injuries ranged from mild corneal abrasions to severe cases involving corneal tears, epithelial defects, and lens dislocation.

At the government-run Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, 37 cases were reported, including 14 grievous ones. Two patients suffered complete loss of eyesight; a 14-year-old boy sustained a ruptured left eye globe after a flower pot exploded in his hand, while a 15-year-old from Hassan suffered a globe rupture after lighting an atom bomb. Two patients underwent globe rupture repairs, and three required corneal tear and eyelid repair surgeries.

Sankara Eye Hospital treated 28 cracker-related injuries, all minor, except one requiring an eyebrow suturing procedure. The remaining patients were treated as outpatients with ointments and eye drops. Dr Agarwal's Eye Hospital reported nine minor cases, none serious enough to require surgery. Doctors noted that many of the victims were bystanders injured while standing close to those bursting crackers.



Dr Naren Shetty, Director of Narayana Nethralaya, said this year's rise in injuries is deeply concerning, especially with children and bystanders among the victims. "Simple safety measures like wearing protective eyewear and ensuring adult supervision for children can prevent most of these accidents," he said. "Schools, families, and organizations must play a proactive role in spreading awareness and promoting safe celebrations. By combining caution with festive joy, we can prevent such accidents and protect vision. As a society, we must take collective responsibility to ensure Deepavali is not marred by avoidable injuries, particularly among children."

Dr Ranjitha C S, Assistant Professor at Minto Ophthalmic Hospital, said last year the hospital recorded 71 eye injury cases during Diwali, while this year the number has reached 38 so far, with more expected in the coming days. "Parents should not allow children below five years to burst crackers. High-intensity and high-speed crackers must be avoided, and crackers should be lit in open spaces away from moving people to prevent bystander injuries," she advised. "Parental supervision is key to ensuring safety and avoiding long-term damage to young eyes."

— Iffath Fathima

Vandals strike at neglected monument

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how anyone climbed up and defaced the wall without being noticed," sources revealed, adding that no security was around. Local visitors have expressed shock and concern over the vandalism, urging authorities to restore the damaged portions and ensure better protection of the 18th-century monument. Commenting on the incident, historian and author Syed Ubaidur Rahman said the desecration of Tipu Sultan's summer palace at Nandi Hills is a serious concern that warrants a thorough investigation.

"Those who inscribed the gangster's name must have known that there was no one to look after the small and rather dilapidated summer palace of Tipu Sultan," he said. "Such acts reflect gross neglect and pose a threat to Tipu Sultan's architectural legacy. The Archaeological Survey of India and the government must ensure that all architectural marvels are properly protected and preserved, and that those responsible for this desecration are apprehended and punished."

Monkey menace

Responding to the issue, a police official told BM, "We are unaware of this incident. There are a lot of monkeys in the area, and we usually fix CCTV cameras once in 15 days as they often get damaged." The official also added that they would take immediate action and ensure the cameras are repaired and functional.

Officials from the state tourism department, when contacted, said the incident had not yet been officially reported to them but assured that the matter would be examined at the earliest.

Lessons in punishment

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students. If students are not able to grasp lessons in the class, it means the atmosphere in the classroom does not enable students or that the teaching style or method of the teacher is not good," Raghavendra said.

Dr Thippeswamy KT, a member of Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, said teachers should give emphasis on student-friendly teaching methods. "Corporal punishment is prohibited at schools but such incidents continue to occur. Karnataka State Commission for Protection of Child Rights takes a serious note of recent incidents. We have directed the education department to give training for teachers on the prevention of corporal punishment at schools. We have directed the authorities to register cases against teachers if corporal punishment incidents take place in future," said Thippeswamy.

Stating that punishment in the name of discipline in schools is highly dangerous and leaves deep psychological scars that can haunt children throughout their lives, Nagasimha G Rao, a child rights activist, said that violence cannot resolve issues or instill discipline among students. "Recognising this, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights (NCPCR) has issued guidelines for non-violent teaching methods. These guidelines have been translated into Kannada, and training is being provided to teachers in government schools. However, it is unfortunate that private schools are excluded from this training. Section 17 of the Right to Free and Compulsory Education Act prohibits punishment in schools", said Nagasimha G Rao.

He said that under the Juvenile Justice Act of 2015, any punishment inflicted on children is considered cruelty and every school in the state must adopt child protection policies. "The government should establish a committee to monitor whether schools are implementing these policies. Schools that fail to comply should have their licenses revoked. Children are the nation's wealth, and schools bear the responsibility of nurturing this resource with sensitivity and respect," he said.

Only a handful donate eyes in a nation of billions

Despite India's vast population, eye donation pledges remain alarmingly low, exposing deep-rooted myths, limited awareness, and the urgent need for stronger national action

In a country of 142 crore people, it is shocking that only 4.84 lakh individuals have pledged to donate their eyes after death. Compare this with Sri Lanka, where 20 lakh people have taken the eye donation pledge — a striking contrast that highlights the urgent need for awareness and action in India. Every eye donation (corneal donation) can give the gift of sight to two individuals. Yet, India continues to struggle with low participation and widespread misconceptions.

INFOCUS EYE DONATION

India currently has 49.5 lakh visually impaired people, and seven crore individuals suffer from various eye-related conditions. Despite having 720 registered eye banks, only 200 are actively functioning. The country receives around 50,000 corneal donations annually, but nearly one lakh people require corneal transplants every year.

The leading causes of vision loss include cataract, uncorrected refractive errors, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, age-related degeneration, and eye injuries or infections — often worsened by poor nutrition. To protect your eyesight, have yearly eye check-ups, use prescribed lenses, limit screen time, wear UV-protected sunglasses, and maintain a diet rich in greens, carrots, pulses, and vitamins A, C, and E. Discuss eye donation with your family — each pledge can restore sight to two people, provided the cornea is collected within six hours of death and preserved properly.

Only five lakh Indians have pledged eye donation. Stigma, hesitation, and lack of awareness still prevent sight-restoring corneas from reaching those in need

Karnataka's efforts

Karnataka currently has 63,000 registered eye donors, contributing significantly to the national figure. According to officials, "People can get free eye check-ups at any of the 393 Asha Kirana Vision Centres across Karnataka. Awareness and family support are key to increasing eye donations."

Why India still hesitates

According to data from the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO), India has 4,84,706 registered eye donors. Experts cite lack of awareness, religious beliefs, family opposition, and social stigma as major deterrents. With its strong healthcare network, active NGOs, and media-driven campaigns, Karnataka can become a model state for eye donation awareness — transforming vision loss into a story of collective compassion.

—**Sridhar Vivan**

SOCIALTATTLE

That went viral

A hyperlapse video of Bengaluru's Deepavali celebration was posted by @sriharikaranth, capturing the grand finale where fireworks met the low-flying clouds. The video went viral. #Diwali2025 #Bangalore

What's Tweeting

A user @dexter_2397, posted that their backpack was forgotten on a KIA shuttle bus to Bangalore airport and was realized just before check-in. The bus number was traced using their UPI transaction, and the bag was recovered. The efficiency of this tech city in solving such issues was applauded by people, with huge thanks extended to Mr. Ravi for the help. #techcity #bangalore

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A post was shared by @ashishvupadhya reporting that a KSRTC Karnataka Sarige bus travelling from Shimoga to Bengaluru yesterday was being driven recklessly. It was discovered by a police passenger that the driver was drunk. The bus was subsequently replaced at Bhadravati, exposing serious safety lapses and raising urgent concerns about passenger security.

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INBRIEF

BSNL asked to restore connectivity

The High Court has directed Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) to consider a representation seeking the installation of mobile towers in Bhavani Bijalgao village of Kamalanagar taluk, Bidar district. The directive follows a petition filed by resident Gurunath Vadde, who highlighted the severe hardships faced by villagers due to the complete absence of mobile connectivity.

A division bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice CM Poonacha issued the order while hearing the plea, which sought action on a representation submitted on May 18, 2024. The petitioner's counsel informed the court that no private telecom operator—such as Airtel or others -- operates in the region, leaving residents entirely cut off from digital communication.

The counsel argued that the lack of network connectivity has deprived villagers of access to crucial online services, including education, telemedicine, and digital payments. Taking note of the grievance, the bench directed BSNL to consider and act upon the representation promptly. The court disposed of the petition, instructing BSNL to examine the proposal and take necessary measures to restore mobile connectivity in the area. —**BMB**

Rs 23-cr facelift for Whitefield railway station

Renovation work at Bengaluru's Whitefield Railway Station is moving at a brisk pace, with the Railways targeting completion by year-end. The ₹23.3-crore modernisation project, taken up under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, focuses on enhancing passenger amenities and improving infrastructure. The circulating area is complete, while the station façade is being redesigned with a contemporary look. Platform construction and passenger shelters are underway, and a landscaped garden is being developed in front of the station.

Meanwhile, the quadruple line project between Bengaluru Cantonment and Whitefield has achieved nearly 70% progress. The 37.8 km corridor, funded with ₹492.8 crore, is expected to be operational by February 2026, easing congestion and benefiting around 62,000 passengers daily.

The upgraded station will integrate directly with the Purple Line metro, boosting connectivity for commuters from Kolar and Bangarpet. Modern facilities such as lifts, escalators, medical units, dedicated disabled-friendly amenities, food courts, Wi-Fi, and the "One Station, One Product" kiosk will enhance commuter comfort and experience.

—**BMB**

AAI report on second airport soon

Infrastructure Development Minister MB Patil said that the Airports Authority of India's expert team, which recently inspected potential sites for Bengaluru's second international airport, will submit its report within the next two to three days. Once received, the government will place the report before the Cabinet for a final decision.

Patil said the AAI team might recommend both shortlisted sites, but financial feasibility will determine the final choice. The state initiated the process early since the 150-km clause bars a new international airport near Kempegowda International Airport until 2033. Starting groundwork now will allow the project to be ready by then, he noted. Only Delhi and Mumbai currently have two international airports. Patil added that Tumakuru and South Bengaluru are among the suggested sites, and the final selection will depend on passenger demand, industrial needs, convenience, and future growth potential.

—**BMB**

5 held for illegal sex determination, female foeticide in Mysuru

Five people have been arrested for their alleged involvement in illegal sex determination tests and female foeticide, Karnataka Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao said on Thursday.

The gang operated in Varuna constituency in Mysuru district.

According to health department officials, they received a tip-off about the sex determination tests and foeticide. They raided a farmhouse in village Hunaganahalli on Bannur Highway in Varuna and nabbed the culprits on Wednesday evening.

Rao shared details of the operation carried out by the health department officials in a social media post. "It has been discovered that a sex determination operation is being carried out at Hunaganahalli Farm House near Bannur Highway. Our Health Department officials have successfully ensured the arrest of those involved in the foeticide through a secret operation. It has been discovered that they are conducting sex determination with the help of a pregnant woman," the Minister said.

During the operation, four pregnant women were present at the scene for the sex determination of the foetus and a scanning device was found. A case has been registered under the Prenatal Sex Determination of Fetus (PCPNDT) Act, and the Health Department is continuously fighting against female foeticide, Rao said.

The Minister asked people to take a proactive step towards it. "The society should be aware of this and take the initiative to wage war against female foeticide. The Health Department is always with those who cooperate against foeticide. No matter how big they are, our government is determined to eliminate female foeticide," he said. **PTI**

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I Masood Pasha Munawar Pasha S/o Munawar Pasha Ahmmed R/@ No 521/7 13th Crs Devaraj urs Nagar Old Guddadahalli Bangalore 26 have changed my name Masood Pasha for all purposes

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I, KARJALA AMARAVATHI ESHWAR, Residing at 105-D, 2nd Main Rd, 1st R Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560010 have changed my name to AMARAVATHI PERUMAL NAIDU, vide affidavit dated 14/10/2025, sworn before notary Venkataraju H G, Bangalore.

I, Advith Rajesh Rao s/o Rajesh Rao residing at.# 363 , 13th cross, Rashi Residency, Kadabagere Cross, Magadi Road, PO Kadabagere Bengaluru - 562130 I have changed my name to Advith Rao for all purposes.

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I, Naveen Kumar Kallur Ranganath S/o K N Ranganath R/o # Flat B-1 Du Parc Residency No-503, 5th Main, Vijaya Bank Layout, Bilekahalli, BG Road, Bengaluru-560076 have changed my name to Naveen Kallur for all purposes.

I, Pooja Aggarwal Sanjay Kumar Sarawagi W/o Mohit Agarwal R/o Sattva Divinity Apts T-4 601, Nayandahalli B'lore-560039 have changed my name to Pooja Agarwal.

I,VIKRANT KALIA, S/o Rajiv Kalia and Sunalini Kalia, No. 415, 2nd Floor, 14th Cross, Govindapura, Nagawara, Bangalore – 560047. I have changed my name to REHAAN AHMED vide affidavit dated: 23/10/2025 Before Notary B M CHANDRASHEKAR Bangalore.

I, Sharath Jayadev Chandangoudar, residing at Flat No. 403, Chartered Mady, 45/2, 17th Main, Marenahalli, JP Nagar 2nd Phase, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my name to SHARATH CHANDANGOUDAR, vide affidavit dt: 20.10.2025 before notary B. Chitra, Bengaluru.

I, Prashanth S, S/o Suryakanth S, R/o FF-03, 2nd Floor, SV Elegance Apartment, 3rd Cross, Anjaneya Temple Road, Subramanyapura, Bengaluru – 560061, hereby declare that my name and my father's name differ in some documents. All refer to the same persons - myself, Prashanth S, and my father, Suryakanth S.

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Make AI for the people

To curtail AI developers' influence, foundations commit $500 mn aimed at centering human needs

Artificial intelligence is a matter of design — not destiny.

That's the message from ten philanthropic foundations aiming to loosen the grip that the technology's moneyed developers, fueled by an investing frenzy, hold over its evolution. Launched Tuesday under the name Humanity AI, the coalition is committing $500 million across the next five years to place human interests at the forefront of the technology's rapid integration into daily life.

"The future belongs to those who actively create it, and that shan't be a few leaders in Silicon Valley. It's all of us," Mozilla Foundation Executive Director Nabiha Syed said in an emailed statement. "The systems shaping our lives must be powered by people, open by design, and fueled by imagination."

Artificial intelligence has been embraced as a productivity booster in fields such as software engineering or medicine. It could help students with a range of visual, speech, language and hearing impairments to execute tasks that come easily to others. Humanitarian groups are testing its ability to translate important documents for refugees. And some farmers find it useful for detecting pests in their hard-to-survey fields.

But others question whether its deployment is actually improving their quality of life. Some point out that real harms exist for children turning to AI chatbots for companionship. AI-generated deepfake videos contribute to the online spread of misinformation and disinformation. The electricity-hungry systems' reliance on energy generated by fossil fuels contributes to climate change. And economists fear AI is taking jobs from young or entry-level workers.

The problem, according to Omidyar Network President Michele L Jawando, is that tech giants aren't investing en masse in the first set of use cases. They're focused on products that

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may or may not help humans thrive. Jawando pointed to OpenAI 's recent entrance into the online marketplace as an example. At its DevDay last week, the company touted ChatGPT's new capabilities as a virtual merchant that can sell goods directly for Etsy sellers or deliver food from Uber Eats.

The coalition recognises the private sector's desire to maximize profits and governments' interest in spurring innovation, according to Jawando. But between tech companies' great influence and the Trump administration's regulatory rollbacks to speed up AI technology construction, she said philanthropic leaders recognized the need for more capital and more collaboration to amplify the voice of civil society.

Jawando said Humanity AI's role is identifying what "flourishing" looks like in a world with artificial intelligence.

"Most of what we're offered right now is efficiency. But that's not flourishing," she said. "I don't want my life to be efficient. I want my life to flourish. I want it to feel rich and robust and healthy and safe."

Led by the MacArthur Foundation and Omidyar Network, Humanity AI seeks to take back agency by supporting technology and advocates centering people and the planet. Members must make grants in at least one of five priority areas identified by the coalition: advancing democracy, strengthening education, protecting artists, enhancing work or defending personal security.

MacArthur Foundation President John Palfrey said he is particularly focused on creating opportunity for early career professionals, regardless of their education levels.

He acknowledged that some young job seekers are questioning the ideal of the "American Dream," that one can make a better life for themselves than the previous generation. But that wouldn't be the case, he suggested, if decisions about artificial intelligence began with the question: how do we ensure a brighter future for individuals and their families?

"That's a very different orientation than 'How do we invest to make the LLMs be the biggest and fastest,' right?" Palfrey told The Associated Press, referring to a form of AI known as a large language model that trains on massive bodies of text. "It's an orientation that centers opportunity and young people."

The alliance of a broad range of philanthropies underscores the widespread concern. Its ranks represent humanities funders such as the Mellon Foundation, tacklers of inequality in the Ford Foundation, an open internet grantmaker in the Mozilla Foundation, education funders such as Lumina Foundation, charitable behemoths such as the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, racial equity supporters such as the Kapor Foundation and groups like the Siegel Family Endowment that have long explored technology's societal impacts.

They're not the first philanthropic coalition to emerge this year with the goal of ensuring everyday people don't get left behind. The Gates Foundation and Ballmer Group were among the funders who announced in July that they'd spend $1 billion over 15 years to help create AI tools for public defenders, parole officers, social workers and others who help Americans in precarious situations. Other efforts seek to improve AI literacy and expand access for entrepreneurs in low-income countries.

Humanity AI hopes to expand its coalition. Partners began coordinating grants this fall and will pool new money next year in a collaborative fund managed by Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors. **AP**

Reddit sues Perplexity over scraping

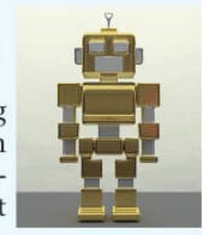
Social media platform Reddit sued artificial intelligence startup Perplexity in New York federal court on Wednesday, accusing it and three other companies of unlawfully scraping its data to train Perplexity's AI-based search engine. Reddit said in the complaint that the data-scraping companies circumvented its data protection measures in order to steal data that Perplexity "desperately needs" to power its "answer engine" system. The case is one of many filed by content owners against tech companies over the alleged misuse of their copyrighted material to train AI systems. Reddit filed a similar lawsuit against AI startup Anthropic in June that is still ongoing.

"Our approach remains principled and responsible as we provide factual answers with accurate AI, and we will not tolerate threats against openness and the public interest," Perplexity said in a statement.

"AI companies are locked in an arms race for quality human content - and that pressure has fueled an industrial-scale 'data laundering' economy," Reddit chief legal officer Ben Lee said in a statement. Reddit, which features thousands of interest-based "subreddit" web communities, said in the lawsuit that it is the most commonly cited source for AI-generated answers to user questions. It has licensed its content to Google, OpenAI and others for their AI training. **Reuters**

BITS & BYTES

Robot delivery agent



Grubhub is expanding its partnership with self-driving technology startup Avride to pilot robot food deliveries in Jersey City, New Jersey, the companies said on Thursday.Users in the city can place orders through the Grubhub app, operated by Wonder Group, and choose Avride robot delivery if within range.Customers can order from Wonder's Jersey City location, which houses more than 20 different restaurant concepts and allows users to combine dishes from multiple restaurants into a single order. Food delivery apps have been implementing pilot programs for robot deliveries to reduce costs, speed up services and improve reliability.Uber Eats and DoorDash partnered with Serve Robotics this year to roll out delivery robots in U.S., while Avride tied up with Uber last year for food deliveries and robotaxis. **Reuters**

Share slide

Tesla shares fell 3.7% in premarket trading on Thursday after the Elon Musk-led electric vehicle maker extended its streak of profit misses to a fourth quarter, even as sales hit record highs.

Rising costs and declining revenue from highly profitable regulatory credits strained Tesla's margins, underscoring that even the EV maker is feeling the cost pressures rippling through the auto industry as President Donald Trump overhauls U.S. policy.

Despite the near-term margin squeeze, Tesla's hefty valuation still rests on investor expectations that future growth will come from robotics and artificial intelligence, even though vehicle sales continue to generate most of its revenue.

In the third quarter, the company's costs rose sharply, including more than $400 million in tariffs on auto parts due to Trump's trade policies, said CFO Vaibhav Taneja.

"The margin compression is the real concern. Higher operating expenses, increased tariffs and lower regulatory credit revenue all hit at once," said Farhan Badami, market analyst at eToro. **Reuters**

Power deal

Google has entered into the first corporate agreement to buy electricity from a U.S. power plant using carbon capture and storage in a deal to help fuel its data centers in the country's Midwest region, the technology company said on Thursday.

Big Tech's plans to expand technologies like generative artificial intelligence, which will require vast amounts of electricity, have butted up against the realities of a U.S. power grid running short on supplies.

That has led to a flurry of announcements in recent months by companies like Google to help fund the development of new and expanded power plants across the country.

Google's recent deals have included purchasing electricity from advanced nuclear reactors, geothermal and hydropower. It is also working with the biggest U.S. power grid, PJM Interconnection, which covers the world's largest concentration of data centers, to speed up the connection of new power supplies. **Reuters**

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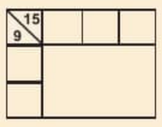
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

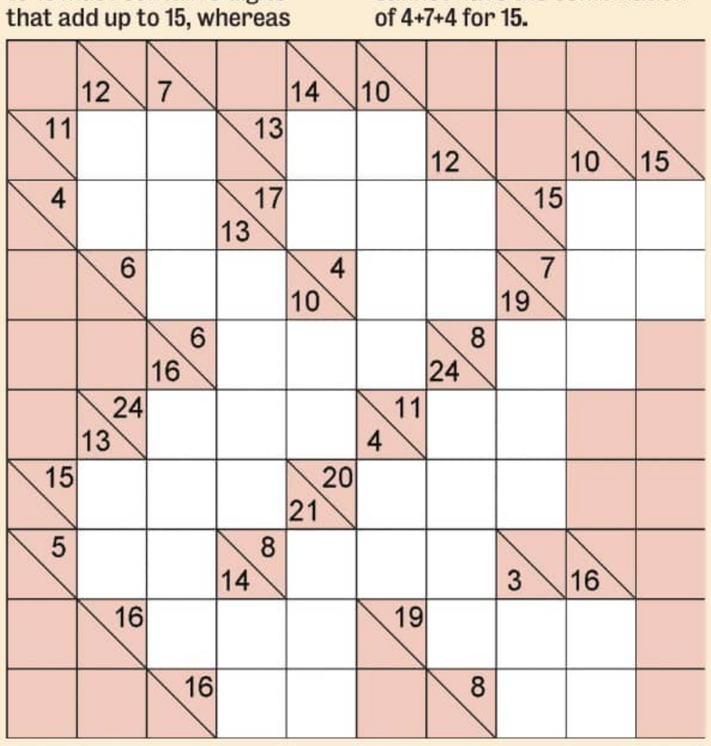
If 2 Kings were among n cards drawn from a shuffled poker deck, what is the range of probabilities the next card will be a King?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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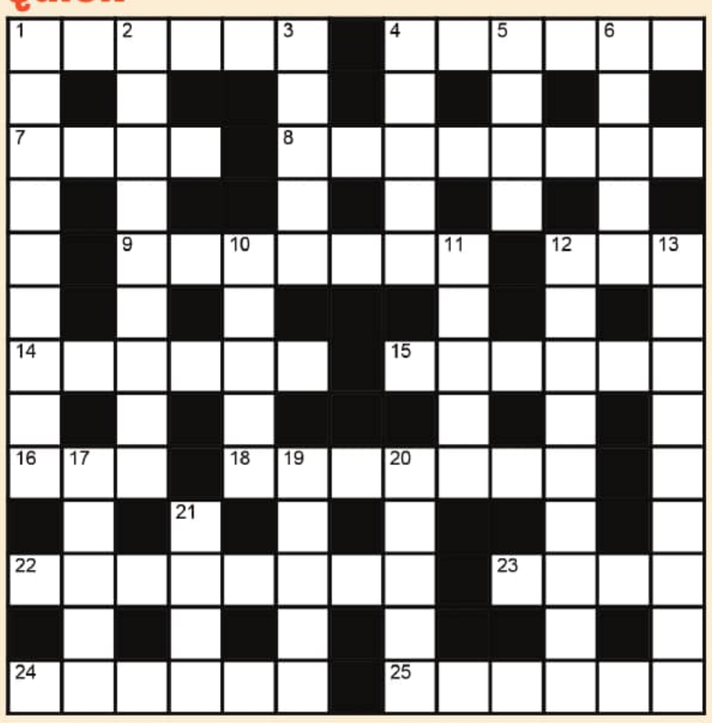


ACROSS

1 Snuggle down (6)
4 Formula (6)
7 Song for two (4)
8 Tipu Sultan's father (5,3)
9 Bollywood's Ms Kaif (7)
12 A unit of heat (3)
14 Egg-shaped bodies (6)
15 Sighting (6)
16 Corpulent (3)
18 __ __ in : nine wickets down? (4,3)
22 Is he the only one to inherit? (4,4)
23 Short note (4)
24 Cruel dictator (6)
25 Where tourists stay? (6)

DOWN

1 Fell asleep or doze, esp. in a sitting position? (6,3)
2 Avers or utters (6,3)
3 Anaesthetic gas (5)
4 French sculptor (5)
5 Middle of an apple (4)
6 Bohemian dance (5)
10 Ebbing and flowing (5)
11 Tea-growing state (5)
12 Customers (9)
13 Sweets on sticks (9)
17 Opened one's eyes (5)
19 Turn aside (5)
20 Jewish scriptures (5)
21 Take a quick look (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: J EQUALS T

JXU SCEA YSA FC JXU DSIER FH JS QUBFC.

Linemaro

Forget Gryffindor, Ravenclaw, Hufflepuff and Slytherin, the only house I wanna be in is yours

Mindchow

Wisdom doesn't necessarily come with age. Sometimes age just shows up all by itself

Joke of the day

You do live longer with bran, but you spend the last 15 years on the toilet

Loop

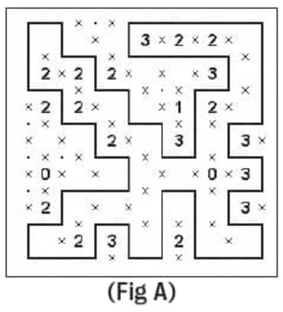
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

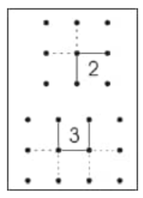
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

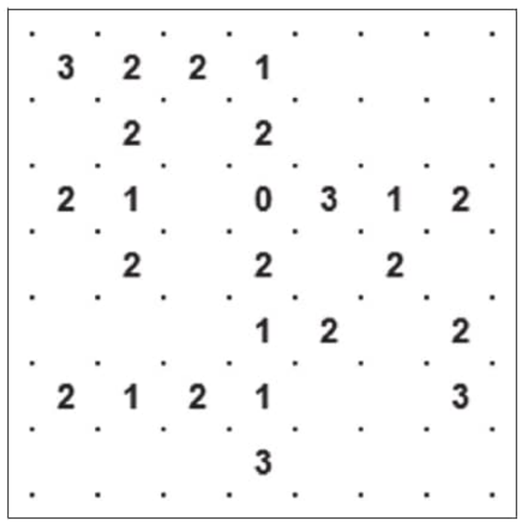
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



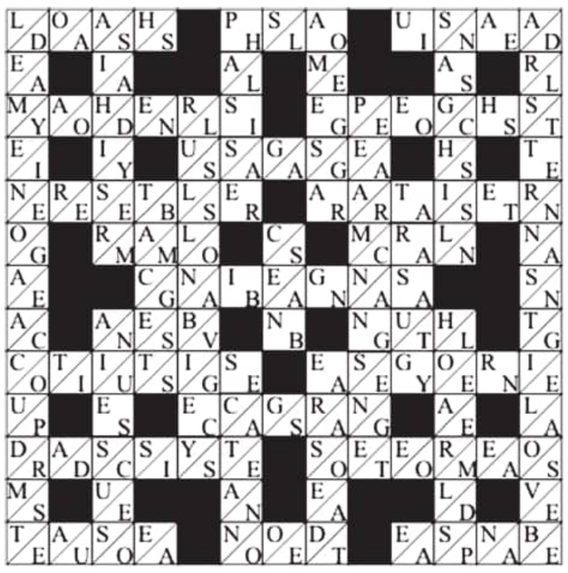
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



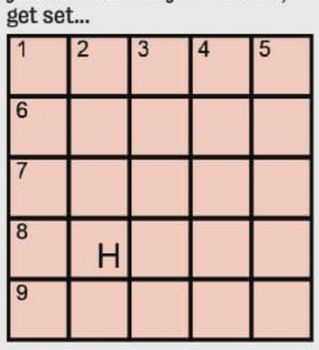
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

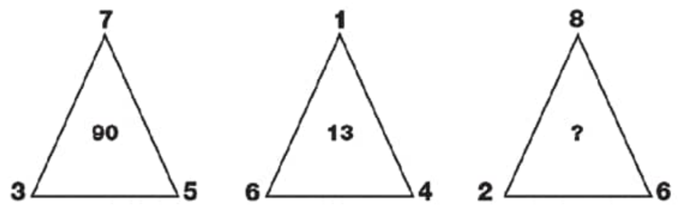
1 All SC; 6 Cilia;
7 No nag; 8 Aahed;
9 Naris

DOWN

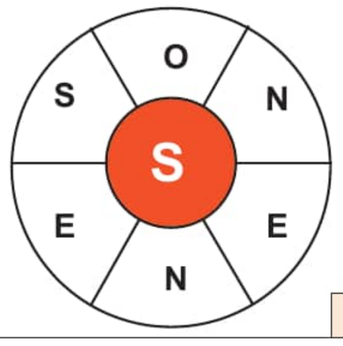
1 I crag; 2 Ala ho;
3 Lenin; 4 Liana;
5 SS cad

Mensapuzzle

Which number replaces the question mark and completes the puzzle?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

02 Average; 03 Good; 04 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

	6						4	
8	4		3		2		5	9
		9	5		7	2		
9			4		6			8
7			9		8			2
		4	2		3	7		
1	7		6		9		2	4
	5						9	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy

= 8

3 5 7 7

Medium

= 4

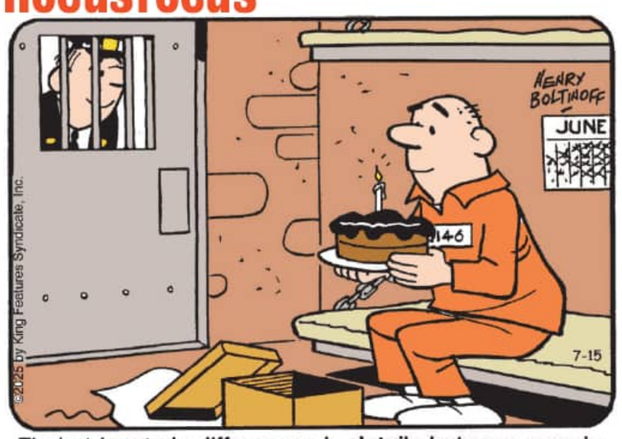
4 7 7 8

Hard

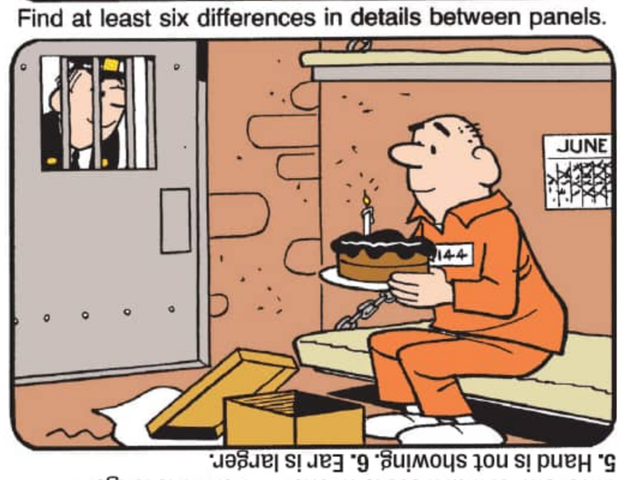
= 18

5 6 8 8

Hocusfocus



Find at least six differences in details between panels.



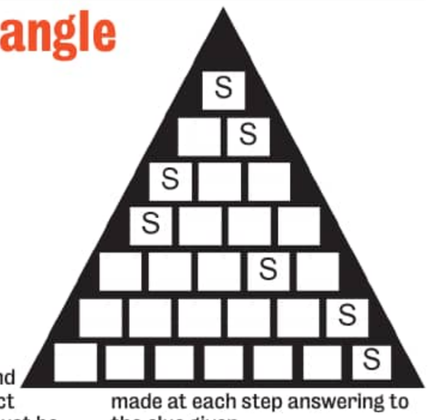
Differences: 1. Candle is moved. 2. Prisoner number is different. 3. Mattress is thicker. 4. Box lid is longer. 5. Hand is not showing. 6. Ear is larger.

Riddler

What 4-digit number abcd satisfies this equation?
4 × abcd = dcba

Alpha triangle

1 Sulphur symbol
2 _ easy _ a pie
3 Body of water
4 An auction
5 Unfaithful
6 Parables
7 Happens to

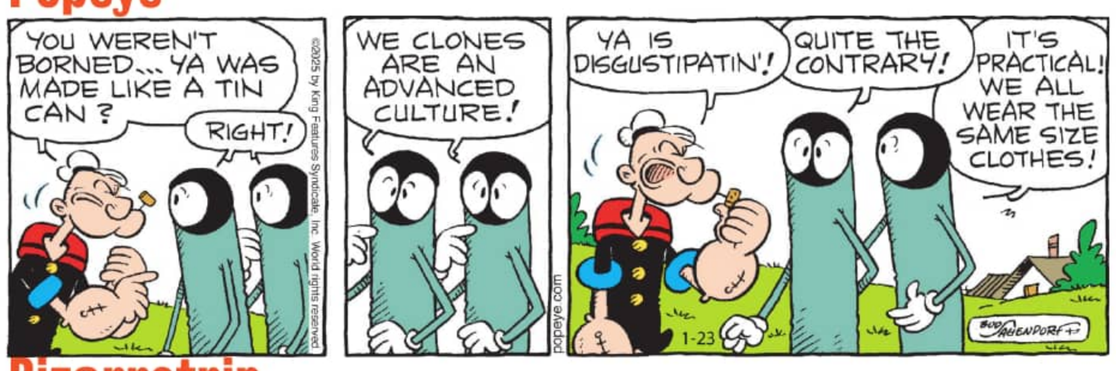


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

COMICS

Popeye


YOU WEREN'T BORNED... YA WAS MADE LIKE A TIN CAN ?
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WE CLONES ARE AN ADVANCED CULTURE!
YA IS DISGUSTIPATIN'!
QUITE THE CONTRARY!
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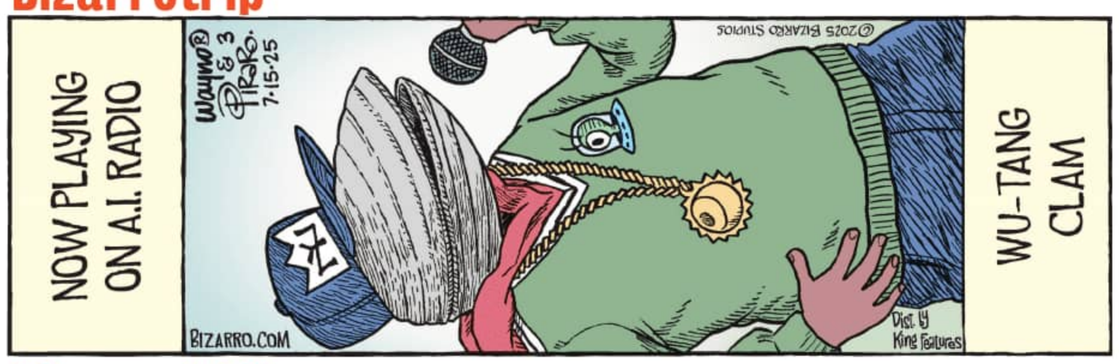
Bizarrotrip



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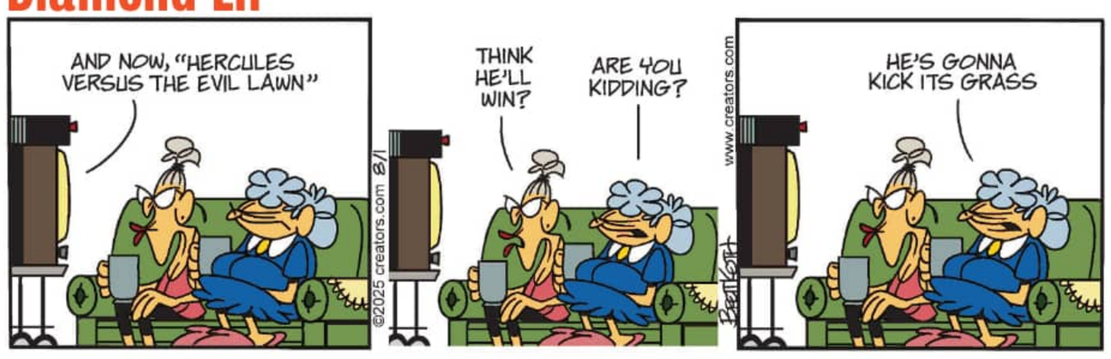

Hart of the city

YOU AND DANA ARE LIKE BETTY AND VERONICA.
WHO ARE THEY? ARE THEY NEW?
NO! HAHA, FROM ARCHIE COMICS!
OOOOOH!! BUT THEN WHO IS OUR ARCHIE?
THE INSTITUTION OF THEATER!
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Crankshaft

YOUR FIRST TRIP TO NEW YORK TO BREAK INTO COMIC BOOKS DIDN'T PAN OUT... SO WHAT MADE YOU GO BACK?
'AFTER THE REJECTIONS, AS I WAS WALKING BACK TO THE BUS TERMINAL, I STOPPED TO PLUCK A LEAF OFF A TREE...TOSSED IT INTO MY PORTFOLIO CASE AND SAID: I'LL BE BACK.'
IF YOU CAN'T KEEP A PROMISE TO YOURSELF... YOU CAN'T KEEP ANY.
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Mutts

WRITTEN IN THE STARS

DR SUNDEEP KOCHAR

If it's your birthday today

This year emphasises intensity, passion, and transformation. Professionally, breakthroughs come when you trust your instincts. Finances improve through persistence. Relationships deepen through honesty and emotional depth. Creative outlets inspire renewal. Health strengthens with selfcare and resilience. By year's end, you'll feel more empowered.

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20

Love approaches today. At social events, mutual attraction ignites. Enjoy this fresh connection; trust the shared interest. This romance begins naturally, offering warmth, excitement, and companionship.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20

Healing calls today; move forward only when truly enthusiastic. Conserve energy for what excites you. Choose your stage wisely and determine the kind of artist you wish to become for public life.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21

Attitude shapes whether the glass seems full; you choose the fill. Reflect, rest, and recharge to keep manifestations flowing. Your upcoming rewards stem from steady effort and a clear, hopeful perspective unfolding.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23

Emotions may surge but avoid impulsive sways. Assess how worthy you feel to receive abundance. The Universe asks: are you sure? Answer with self-love and a readiness to accept your desires.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23

Step beyond comfort; no act is too small for your dreams. Mindful balance between confidence and pride unlocks romantic, personal, and professional opportunities— plan practically and trust your intuition for growth today.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23

Past karmic loops teach better possibilities ahead. Choose to lift your head, embrace sunlight, and move from destructive emotion toward thriving. Your destiny awaits when you decide to rise.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22

The cosmos grants what you believe is possible. Embrace a grand adventure—this day lifts heavy weights. Rest as needed, integrate change, and allow new experiences to replenish your body and mind.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22

You invested fully, now apply logic to optimise your talents and perceptions. Rapid momentum appears soon. Stay humble, confident, and gratefully accept the magic coming your way; your efforts bear fruit today.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22

A new day sparkles with visions and ideas— focus on clear communication. The moon set intentions; refine your expression to manifest rewards and lasting impact. It's not too late or too soon today.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20

Muscle memory may urge action, but consider the timing. Balance logic with feeling and view the long term. Trust your ability to dive in; a win-win outcome awaits when you commit wisely

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19

Lead first and others will follow. Vitality, growth, and protection support you; eliminate toxicity. Rise above fears, secure your loved ones' interests, and end cycles that no longer serve you today.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20

Karma teaches and reveals latent gifts. Share your insights freely where welcomed and disclose your talents without holding back. This courageous openness enriches both your inner life and outer opportunities.

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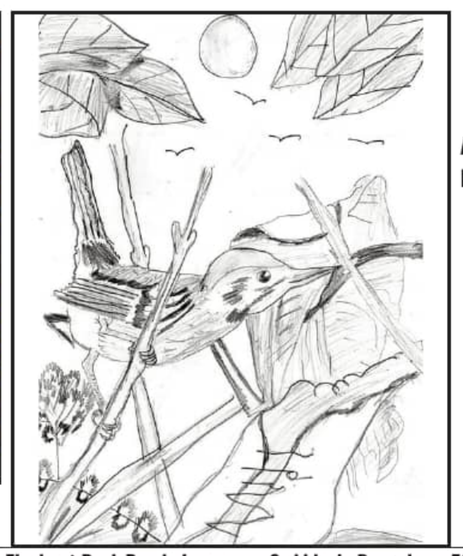

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M

probability is: 2/(52-n) for n=2, probability is 2/50 is 4%
for n=50,, probability is 2/2 is 100%
range is 4%-100%

BULL'S EYE

nose, ONENESS, seen, sense

STRIKE OUT

L	A	S	H	P	L	O	U	S	E	D
A	A	A	M	A	A	R				
Y	O	D	E	L	S	E	P	O	C	H	S
I	I	U	S	A	G	E	H	T		
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G	M	A	L	C	M	A	N	A		
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S	E	A	E	D	V					
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QUICK

D	E	S	P	O	T	H	O	T	E	L	S
K	E	R	A	L	P					
S	O	L	E	H	E	I	R	M	E	M	O
W	P	V	O	T	P					
F	A	T	L	A	S	T	M	A	N	I	
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MENSA PUZZLE

80. In each triangle, the central value equals the product of the 3 outer numbers subtracting the sum of the 3 outer numbers.

QUOTE UNCODE

The only joy in the world is to begin.

SUDOKU

5	6	2	8	9	1	3	4	7
8	4	7	3	6	2	1	5	9
3	1	9	5	4	7	2	8	6
9	2	1	4	3	6	5	7	8
4	8	6	7	2	5	9	3	1
7	3	5	9	1	8	4	6	2
6	9	4	2	8	3	7	1	5
1	7	3	6	5	9	8	2	4
2	5	8	1	7	4	6	9	3

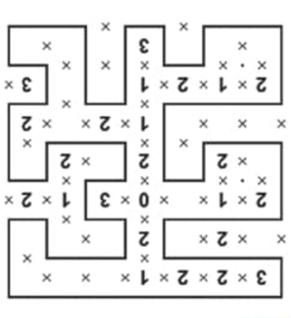
ALPHA TRIANGLE

S, As, Sea, Sale, False, Fables, Belfalls.

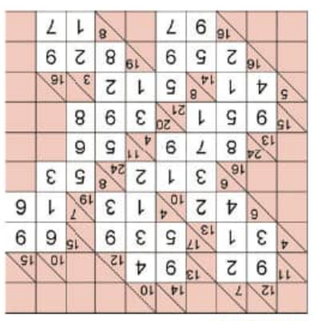
GO FIGURE

7 + 5 – 7 + 3 = 8
Medium
7 – 4 – 7 + 8 = 4
Hard
8 – 5 x 8 – 6 = 18

LOOP



KAKURO



FAST FIVE

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A	H	E	A	D
G	O	N	N	A
R	A	N	I	S

RIDDLER

2178; 4 × 2178 = 8712

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 # Cracking debut
Charlie XCX, Jessica Alba to star in Dakota Johnson's directorial debut

Matters of appearance

Calling mom her guiding light, Janhvi says idea of perfection is overrated

There has been widespread public speculation that Janhvi Kapoor has undergone plastic surgery, though the actress has never officially confirmed it. The most frequently cited alleged procedures include rhinoplasty (nose job), buccal fat removal for a slimmer face, and lip fillers.

In the latest episode of Two Much With Kajol and Twinkle, Janhvi joined Karan Johar for a candid conversation that delved deep. The actress spoke about beauty standards, self-image, and the stigma around cosmetic surgery. "I don't believe in gatekeeping," Janhvi shared. "I was one of the young girls who was very impressionable with the onset of social media and seeing everyone being judged to look a certain way. I don't want to perpetuate to young girls this idea of perfection. I'm a big believer in 'you do you,' do whatever makes you happy. I would be very happy to be a completely open book about things."

Addressing viral videos claiming she underwent a procedure called "buffalo-plasty", Janhvi clarified the matter with composure. "I think I have been very intelligent, conservative, and proper about what I have done," she said. "Of course, I had the guidance of my mom and I'd like to share that. Also as a cautionary tale, because if a young girl sees a video like this and decides I too want to do buffalo-plasty and something goes wrong, that would be the worst thing ever. I think transparency is important.

—ETimes

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Take it easy policy

Actress Shilpa Shetty Kundra recently drew attention with an introspective post on social media. Just days after celebrating a joyful Deepavali with her family, Shilpa shared a message on Instagram that reflected her deep belief in mindfulness and emotional strength.

Her post read, "Nothing kills you faster than your own mind. Don't stress over things that are out of your control. Focus on what you can control."

The message struck a chord with fans, many praising her for promoting calmness, clarity, and resilience. Shilpa's words served as a gentle reminder about the power of perspective and the importance of letting go.

Known for her yoga practice, healthy lifestyle, the actress has often encouraged her followers to focus on their inner peace and mental well-being. Over the years, she has spoken about self-care, balance, and dangers of overthinking. —ETimes

Sweet birthday wish

On Malaika Arora's 52nd birthday on Wednesday, actor Arjun Kapoor penned a heartfelt note for his former girlfriend and Bollywood diva.

Arjun took to Instagram stories, where he shared a picture of the actress soaking in the sun in Paris with the iconic Eiffel Tower in the backdrop.

"Happy Birthday @malaikaaroraofficial Keeping soaring, keep smiling & always keep seeking… (sic)," he wrote as the caption.

Malaika and Arjun dated for almost six years before going their own ways. However the two have always remained on friendly terms. It was last year, when Arjun confirmed that the two have split during the promotion of his film "Singham Again" starring Ajay Devgn.

It all happened when the audience started to take Malaika's name and inquired about her, Arjun light-heartedly said: "Nahi nahi abhi single hun."

On the work front, Arjun was last seen in the romantic comedy film Mere Husband Ki Biwi directed by Mudassar Aziz. The film stars Arjun Kapoor, Bhumi Pednekar and Rakul Preet Singh in lead roles.

The film revolves around Ankur, a divorced man, who gets a second chance at love when his college crush, Antara, re-enters his life. However, things get complicated when his amnesiac former wife also returns, causing confusion. —IANS

Thrill of calling the shots

Kannada superstar and filmmaker Rishab Shetty, who is currently basking in the success of his latest release "Kantara: Chapter 1", believes the real fun of filmmaking begins by "calling the shots."

Rishab took to Instagram to share a series of behind-the-scenes pictures from the sets of his latest release, showcasing himself calling the shots.

"Nothing beats the thrill of calling the shots, that's where the real fun of filmmaking begins! #KantaraChapter1," he wrote as the caption.

The actor has been sharing many glimpses from the making of the film lately. On October 13, Rishab shared that he shot 'Kantara: Chapter 1' climax with a swollen leg & exhausted body.

"This was during the climax shoot , a swollen leg, an exhausted body .. but today, the climax has become something that millions watch and admire. This was only possible through the blessings of the divine energy we believe in. Heartfelt thanks to everyone who have supported us..(sic)."

— IANS

SANDALWOOD SHOTS
Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Kona on Oct 31

Kannada Bigg Boss fame Tanisha Kuppanda, who has acted in Undenama, Body God, and Pen Drive, debuts as a producer in Sandalwood with Kona that is scheduled to arrive in theaters on October 31. Komal plays the lead while Tanisha is paired opposite him in this movie touted as a dark comedy.

Komal said that his classmates and teachers used to call him Kona during his school days. "I was not comfortable when they called me that. I never expected to play the lead in a movie titled Kona. The movie has turned out well. I thank the cast and crew for their support," said Komal.

Tanisha said that Ravi Kiran and Karthik encouraged her to bankroll this movie. "I play Lakshmi in the movie, the wife of Naryana, played by Komal sir. It is a different role. Audiences will be surprised to see me play such a role," said Tanisha.

The movie also features Keerthi Raj, Rithvi Jagadeesh, Raghu Ramanakoppa, Vijay Chendoor, MK Math, Ranjith Goda and others.

In ex-MLA's role

Beloved politician and people's leader Gummadi Narsaiah, a stalwart of grassroots politics, has served as the Member of Legislative Assembly for Yellandu in Telangana across multiple terms, between 1983 to 1994 and again from 1999 to 2009, winning as an Independent.

Bringing his remarkable life to the silver screen is the upcoming biopic titled Gummadi Narsaiah, with superstar Dr Shiva Rajkumar portraying the titular role. The film marks the directorial debut of Parameshwar Hivrale, who steps behind the camera after a successful stint as an actor. This project is being bankrolled by N Suresh Reddy aka NSR.

The makers unveiled the first look poster, introducing Dr Shiva Rajkumar in a powerful yet understated avatar. Wearing spectacles, dressed in a simple white kurta-pajama and a red scarf draped over his shoulder, the protagonist is seen walking alongside a bicycle on a wide road, with Assembly in the backdrop. A red flag featuring the sickle and hammer, a symbol of the left , hangs from the bicycle, signifying the ideological core of the narrative.